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Vessels inspected at Yokohama.

YOKOHAMA, *February 4, 1898.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that, during the months of November and December, 1897, and January of the present year, I inspected vessels as follows, all being free from infectious disease with the exception of the steamship *China*, from which, December 9th, I removed a case of leprosy:

Date.	Steamer or vessel.	Destination.
Nov. 1	British steamship Columbia	Tacoma via Victoria.
Nov. 3	British steamship Ettrickdale	Portland, Oreg.
Nov. 8	American sailing vessel I. F. Chapman	New York via Manila.
Nov. 10	Hawaiian steamship Aztec	San Francisco via Honolulu.
Do	British steamship Gaelic	Do.
Nov. 12	British steamship Hyson	Portland, Oreg.
Nov. 18	British steamship Fernfield	New York via ports.
Do	German sailing vessel Henriette	Portland, Oreg.
Nov. 19	Japanese steamship Kagoshima Maru	Seattle.
Nov. 20	American sailing vessel James Drummond	Unknown via Hongkong.
Do	American steamship City of Peking	San Francisco, Cal.
Nov. 22	British steamship Tacoma	Tacoma via Victoria.
Nov. 27	Japanese steamship Kamakura Maru	Seattle via Kobe and Moji.
Nov. 30	British steamship Doric	San Francisco via Honolulu.
Do	British steamship Sikh	New York via ports.
Dec. 4	British steamship Lombard	Portland, Oreg.
Dec. 7	British steamship Teenkai	Do.
Dec. 9	Hawaiian steamship China	San Francisco via Honolulu.
Dec. 13	British steamship Victoria	Tacoma via Victoria.
Dec. 14	German sailing vessel Beethoven	Portland, Oreg.
Dec. 16	British sailing vessel Port Caledonia	Do.
Dec. 17	British steamship Pak Ling	Do.
Dec. 18	British steamship Belgic	San Francisco.
Do	Japanese steamship Matsuyama Maru	Seattle.
Dec. 21	American sailing vessel W. H. Smith	Delaware Breakwater via Manila.
Dec. 23	American sailing vessel Vigilant	New York via Kobe.
Dec. 27	British steamship Olympia	Portland, Oreg.
Dec. 29	American steamship Peru	San Francisco via Honolulu.
Jan. 4	Japanese sailing vessel Tenkyo Maru	Portland, Oreg.
Jan. 7	British steamship Port Adelaide	New York via ports.
Do	British steamship Braemar	Tacoma via Victoria.
Jan. 8	British steamship Coptic	San Francisco via Honolulu.
Jan. 11	German sailing vessel Emilie	Astoria.
Jan. 12	Japanese steamship Riojun Maru	Seattle via Honolulu.
Jan. 15	British steamship Mogul	Portland via Honolulu.
Jan. 18	American steamship Rio de Janeiro	San Francisco.
Jan. 22	British steamship Columbia	Tacoma via Victoria.
Jan. 27	British steamship Gaelic	San Francisco via Honolulu.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

STUART ELDRIDGE, M. D.,
Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.

The SUPERVISING SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Leprosy in Japan.

UNITED STATES CONSULATE-GENERAL,
Yokohama, January 18, 1898.

SIR: The inclosed clipping is taken from the Japan Times, and furnishes much valuable information concerning the prevalence of leprosy in Japan.

I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

JOHN F. GOWEY, *Consul-General.*

The Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.